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Title

: IN-SITU REAL-TIME MONITORING TECHNIQUE AND APPARATUS FOR

DETECTION OF THIN FILMS DURING CHEMICAL/MECHANICAL

POLISHING PLANARIZATION

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REPLY

In reply to the action mailed February 24, 2003, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages. The applicant asks that all claims be allowed in view of the enclosed terminal disclaimed, amendment to the claims, and remarks on the following sheets, a total of 7 pages. The applicant thanks the Examiner for initialing and returning the PTO form 1449 previously submitted.

Enclosed is a \$410 check for a two-month extension fee. No excess claims fee is believed due. Please apply any appropriate charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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